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On his deathbed, the father
said to his son

When I'm gone,
if you miss me, do this:

He fell silent. Outside,
he heard cars come and go

like thoughts, and the wind
snagged whispers from trees,

and the trees lent shadows,
nuance to the blinding light.

Not knowing what his son heard or saw,
the father said, learn this by heart.

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